



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

Executive Order 2010-01

I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim an emergency for the State of North Dakota due to a major winter storm; and

WHEREAS, a severe winter storm has caused numerous power lines to fall and sag because of freezing rain and strong winds; and

WHEREAS, several rural communities are without power and others may lose power because of the storm conditions; and

WHEREAS, the roads across the state are either covered in ice and/or snow making travel dangerous; and

WHEREAS, the weather conditions are expected to continue to deteriorate due to heavy snow and wind moving in to the state with a second weather band with temperatures becoming much colder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I order total utilization of the North Dakota State Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices, to respond to the situation, assist local and tribal officials, alleviate hardships, and implement appropriate recovery actions and future mitigation measures to limit the hardships and impact of this disaster, and facilitate restoration of services and infrastructure.


I further make available all state assets and North Dakota National Guard assets upon request through the Department of Emergency Service because response timelines require rapid response.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:


1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the North Dakota Constitution.
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century code.

3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriating government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 22 day of January 2010.


John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

Deputy